

Exemption Amount for Taxpayers Housing Individuals Displaced by Hurricane Katrina

▶ Attach to Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040NR

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Attachment
Sequence No. **55**

Name(s) shown on your return



Your social security number

Part I Information on Individuals Displaced by Hurricane Katrina for Whom You Provided Housing in Your Main Home for at Least 60 Consecutive Days

Do not enter information for more than four individuals or for anyone included on line 6d of Form 1040 or 1040A (line 7d of Form 1040NR).

1	(a) First and last name	(b) Social security number (see instructions)	(c) Former address in disaster area (number and street, city or town, state, and ZIP code)	(d) Number of consecutive days housed in your main home

Part II Exemption Amount

2	Multiply \$500 by the total number of individuals listed in Part I above. Do not enter more than \$2,000 (\$1,000 if married filing separately)	2		
3	Multiply \$3,200 by the total number of exemptions claimed on line 6d of Form 1040 or Form 1040A (line 7d of Form 1040NR)	3		
4	Add lines 2 and 3	4		
5	Is the amount on Form 1040, line 38 (Form 1040A, line 22; or Form 1040NR, line 36), more than the amount shown on line 6 below for your filing status? <input type="checkbox"/> No.  Enter the amount from line 4 above on Form 1040, line 42 (Form 1040A, line 26; or Form 1040NR, line 39). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Enter on line 5 the amount from Form 1040, line 38 (Form 1040A, line 22; or Form 1040NR, line 36)	5		
6	Enter the amount shown below for your filing status. • Single—\$145,950 • Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er)—\$218,950 • Married filing separately—\$109,475 • Head of household—\$182,450	6		
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. Is the result more than \$122,500 (\$61,250 if married filing separately)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes.  Enter the amount from line 2 above on Form 1040, line 42 (Form 1040A, line 26; or Form 1040NR, line 39) <input type="checkbox"/> No. Continue.	7		
8	Divide line 7 by \$2,500 (\$1,250 if married filing separately). If the result is not a whole number, increase it to the next higher whole number (for example, increase 0.0004 to 1)	8		
9	Multiply line 8 by 2% (.02) and enter the result as a decimal rounded to at least three places	9		
10	Multiply line 3 by line 9	10		
11	Exemption amount. Subtract line 10 from line 4. Enter the result here and on Form 1040, line 42; Form 1040A, line 26; or Form 1040NR, line 39	11		

General Instructions

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8914 to claim your personal exemptions, exemptions for dependents, and the additional exemption amount for providing housing in your main home to one or more individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Additional Exemption Amount

You can claim an additional exemption amount of \$500 for each displaced individual (defined below). The additional exemption amount is allowable once for a specific individual. The maximum additional exemption amount you can claim for all displaced individuals is \$2,000 (\$1,000 if married filing separately). The additional exemption amount you claim for displaced individuals in 2005 will reduce the \$2,000 maximum for 2006. If two or more taxpayers share the same main home, only one taxpayer in that main home can claim the additional exemption amount for a specific displaced individual. If married filing separately, only one spouse may claim the additional exemption amount for a specific displaced individual. In order for you to be considered to have provided housing, you must have a legal interest in the main home (that is, own or rent the home).

Displaced Individual

For you to claim the additional exemption amount, a displaced individual:

- Must have had his or her main home in the Hurricane Katrina disaster area (for this purpose, the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi) on August 28, 2005, and he or she must have been displaced from that home. If the individual's main home was located outside the core disaster area (defined below), that home must have been damaged by Hurricane Katrina or the individual must have been evacuated from that home because of Hurricane Katrina.
- Must have been provided housing in your main home free of charge for a period of at least 60 consecutive days ending in the tax year in which the exemption is claimed. See *Compensation for Housing* on this page.
- Cannot be your spouse or dependent.

Core Disaster Area

The following areas in three states are within the core disaster area.

Alabama. The counties of Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Mobile, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, and Washington.

Louisiana. The parishes of Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

Mississippi. The counties of Adams, Amite, Attala, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Wilkinson, Winston, and Yazoo.

Compensation for Housing

You cannot claim the additional exemption amount if you received rent (or any other amount) from any source for providing the housing. You are permitted to receive payments or reimbursements that do not relate to normal housing costs, including the following.

- Food, clothing, or personal items consumed or used by the displaced individual.
- Reimbursement for the cost of any long distance telephone calls made by the displaced individual.
- Reimbursement for the cost of gasoline for the displaced individual's use of your vehicle.

However, you cannot claim the additional exemption amount if you received any reimbursement for the extra costs of heat, electricity, or water used by the displaced individual.

Specific Instructions

Line 1, Column (a)

Enter the first and last names of up to four individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina who were provided housing in your main home for at least 60 consecutive days during 2005. If less than 60 consecutive days, you cannot claim an additional exemption amount for this individual.

Line 1, Column (b)

Enter the displaced individual's social security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). You must provide this information in column (b) to claim an exemption amount. You may use **Form W-9**, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, to request an SSN or ITIN from the displaced individual.

Line 1, Column (c)

Enter the street address where the displaced individual's main home was located on August 28, 2005. That home must have been located in the Hurricane Katrina disaster area on that date. Include the number and street, city or town, state, and ZIP code.

Line 1, Column (d)

Enter the number of consecutive days the displaced individual was provided housing in your main home free of charge.

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The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For the estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.

